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COMMITTEE ON IT ACT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has set up a Committee of experts to examine deficiencies in the Information Technology Act, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms of reference of the Committee;

(d) the time by which the Committee is likely to give its report to the Government;

(e) whether the Committee is also likely to consider the recommendations made by the Inter-Ministerial working group on Cyber Law and Cyber Forensics; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): The terms of reference of the Expert Committee are given in the Annexure.

(d): The Committee is expected to submit its report by May 2005.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): The Inter-Ministerial working group on Cyber Laws and Cyber Forensics has made certain recommendations pertaining to implementation of e-Governance projects, plugging the loop holes in legislation to curb the cyber crimes and remove certain interpretation problems and anomalies and fill the gap areas in the provisions for Certifying Authorities in the IT Act, 2000.